

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair  
Broadcasting is not  
acting in the best  
interests of the  
public, but rather  
in their own best  
interest, blatantly  
attempting to  
influence the  
election. Such a  
maneuver is much  
worse than poor  
journalism, it is an  
abuse of public  
airwaves.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. But when  
large companies  
control the  
airwaves, we, as  
citizens do not  
access to unbiased  
information.  
Instead, we are  
manipulated to best  
serve the companies  
interests and  
investments.  
Instead of something  
produced at "News  
Central" far away,  
it's more important  
that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned

postcard. Thank you.